# Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

## Supervisor's Report on Use of Force



**Incident Information**

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| URN: 012-14913-2826-056 | | Date: 11/22/12 | Time: 0540 Hours |
| Location: [redacted] N. Locust Avenue | | City or Station: Compton | |
| Bureau/Station/Facility: Central Patrol/ Compton Station | | Admin. Investigation: YES ☐ NO ☒ | |
| Type of Force: Significant/ Skeletal Fracture | | | |
| Deputy Injury : YES ☐ NO ☒ | Suspect Injury YES ☒ NO ☐ | | |
| ☒ Call | ☐ Observation | ☐ Detail | ☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit |
| IAB Notified: YES ☒ NO ☐ | Person Notified: Lt. John McBride | Emp: [redacted] | IAB Roll Out: YES ☒ NO ☐ |

**Involved Employee**

**E1**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Employee # [redacted] | Last Name Womack | First Name Noel | Middle Name R. |
| Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female | Race: White | Unit of Assignment: Compton Sheriff's Station | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 287H |
| Shift: ☒ EM ☐ Day ☐ PM | ☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty | Age: 35 | Height: 604 Weight: 250 |
| ☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted | Hospital: | Coroner Case # | Directed Force ☒ Significant Force ☐ |

**E2**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Employee # [redacted] | Last Name [redacted] | First Name [redacted] | Middle Name |
| Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female | Race: Black | Unit of Assignment: Compton Sheriff's Station | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 287H |
| Shift: ☒ EM ☐ Day ☐ PM | ☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty | Age: 34 | Height: 600 Weight: 230 |
| ☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted | Hospital: | Coroner Case # | Directed Force ☐ Significant Force ☒ |

**E3**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Employee # [redacted] | Last Name [redacted] | First Name [redacted] | Middle Name J. |
| Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female | Race: White | Unit of Assignment: Compton Sheriff's Station | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 282 |
| Shift: ☐ EM ☒ Day ☐ PM | ☐ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty | Age: 37 | Height: 509 Weight: 180 |
| ☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted | Hospital: | Coroner Case # | Directed Force ☐ Significant Force ☐ |

☐ **Additional Involved Employees**

**On Duty Supervisor**

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Rank | Present | Witness to Incident |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Sandoval Jr. | Jose | | | YES ☒ NO ☐ | YES ☒ NO ☐ |
| | | | | | YES ☐ NO ☐ | YES ☐ NO ☐ |

**Watch Sergeant**

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Jones | Robert | L. |

**Watch Commander**

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Hester | Ronald | C. |

Sergeant Ronald C. Hester
Watch Commander (**Print Name**) — Watch Commander's **Signature**: — Emp #: — Date

Sergeant Brenda L. Gibson
Supervisor Completing Form: (**Print Name**) — [redacted] Emp #: — Copy Provided to Employee by: — Emp #:

Captain Diane E. Walker
Unit Commander (**Print Name**) — Unit Commander's **Signature**: — Emp #: — Date

**DISCOVERY Use Only**
FO# 2324953

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

# Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
# INVOLVED EMPLOYEE - Continuation
## 0 1 2 - 1 4 9 1 3 - 2 8 2 6 - 0 5 6



**Involved Employee**

**E 4**

| Employee # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | |

| Sex: | Race: | Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): |
|---|---|---|---|
| [X] Male [ ] Female | White | Compton Station | 282 |

| Shift: | | Age: | Height: | Weight: |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [ ] EM [X] Day [ ] PM | [X] Regular Shift [ ] OT Shift [ ] Off Duty | 28 | 600 | 200 |

| | Hospital: | Coroner Case # | |
|---|---|---|---|
| [ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted | | | Directed Force [ ] Significant Force [ ] |

**E 5**

| Employee # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | |

| Sex: | Race: | Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): |
|---|---|---|---|
| [X] Male [ ] Female | Black | Compton Station | 283E |

| Shift: | | Age: | Height: | Weight: |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [X] EM [ ] Day [ ] PM | [X] Regular Shift [ ] OT Shift [ ] Off Duty | 40 | 510 | 200 |

| | Hospital: | Coroner Case # | |
|---|---|---|---|
| [ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted | | | Directed Force [ ] Significant Force [ ] |

**E_**

| Employee # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

| Sex: | Race: | Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): |
|---|---|---|---|
| [ ] Male [ ] Female | | | |

| Shift: | | Age: | Height: | Weight: |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [ ] EM [ ] Day [ ] PM | [ ] Regular Shift [ ] OT Shift [ ] Off Duty | | | |

| | Hospital: | Coroner Case # | |
|---|---|---|---|
| [ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted | | | Directed Force [ ] Significant Force [ ] |

**E_**

| Employee # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

| Sex: | Race: | Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): |
|---|---|---|---|
| [ ] Male [ ] Female | | | |

| Shift: | | Age: | Height: | Weight: |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [ ] EM [ ] Day [ ] PM | [ ] Regular Shift [ ] OT Shift [ ] Off Duty | | | |

| | Hospital: | Coroner Case # | |
|---|---|---|---|
| [ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted | | | Directed Force [ ] Significant Force [ ] |

**E_**

| Employee # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

| Sex: | Race: | Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): |
|---|---|---|---|
| [ ] Male [ ] Female | | | |

| Shift: | | Age: | Height: | Weight: |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [ ] EM [ ] Day [ ] PM | [ ] Regular Shift [ ] OT Shift [ ] Off Duty | | | |

| | Hospital: | Coroner Case # | |
|---|---|---|---|
| [ ] Injured [ ] Treated [ ] Admitted | | | Directed Force [ ] Significant Force [ ] |

# Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
# SUSPECT INFORMATION
# 0 1 2 - 1 4 9 1 3 - 2 8 2 6 - 0 5 6



## Suspect Information

**S 1**

Last Name: Harris | First Name: Jack | Middle Name: Leon

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female | Race: Black | Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Work Phone: | Home Phone: [redacted] | Age: 50 | Height: 602 | D.O.B. 04/19/62 | Weight: 190 | Armed? ☒

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | Criminal History ☐

EMT in attendance? ☒ YES ☐ NO Name: Jones and Clemons | Unit: 444 | Phone #: 310-605-5670

Hospital Admission? ☒ | Rec'd Treatment At: Harbor General Hospital | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☒

By Doctor: Bookatz | Address: 1000 West Carson Street, Torrance, CA 90502 | Phone #: (310) 222-2345

Under Influence: ☐ YES ☒ NO | Substance: | Mental Illness ☒

### Suspect Interview

Date: 04-17-2011 | Time: 1045 hours | ☒ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☒ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Suspect Information

**S_**

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female | Race: | Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Work Phone: | Home Phone: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Armed? ☐

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | Criminal History ☐

EMT in attendance? ☐ YES ☐ NO Name: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐

By Doctor: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ☐ YES ☐ NO | Substance: | Mental Illness: ☐

### Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Suspect Information

**S_**

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female | Race: | Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Work Phone: | Home Phone: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Armed? ☐

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | Criminal History ☐

EMT in attendance? ☐ YES ☐ NO Name: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐

By Doctor: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ☐ YES ☐ NO | Substance: | Mental Illness ☐

### Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

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## EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
## 0 1 2 - 1 4 9 1 3 - 2 8 2 6 - 0 5 6



**Employee Witnesses**

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Sandoval | Jose | |
| [redacted] | Hester | Ronald | |
| [redacted] | Briones | Raul | |
| [redacted] | Valdez | Ernesto | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

**Non-Employee Witnesses**

| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| **Street Address** | **City** | **Zip Code** | **Work Ph.** | **Home Ph.** |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| **Last Name** | **First Name** | **Middle Name** | **Age** | **D.O.B.** |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| **Street Address** | **City** | **Zip Code** | **Work Ph.** | **Home Ph.** |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| **Last Name** | **First Name** | **Middle Name** | **Age** | **D.O.B.** |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| **Street Address** | **City** | **Zip Code** | **Work Ph.** | **Home Ph.** |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| **Last Name** | **First Name** | **Middle Name** | **Age** | **D.O.B.** |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| **Street Address** | **City** | **Zip Code** | **Work Ph.** | **Home Ph.** |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| **Last Name** | **First Name** | **Middle Name** | **Age** | **D.O.B.** |
| | | | | |
| **Street Address** | **City** | **Zip Code** | **Work Ph.** | **Home Ph.** |
| | | | | |
| **Last Name** | **First Name** | **Middle Name** | **Age** | **D.O.B.** |
| | | | | |
| **Street Address** | **City** | **Zip Code** | **Work Ph.** | **Home Ph.** |
| | | | | |
| **Last Name** | **First Name** | **Middle Name** | **Age** | **D.O.B.** |
| | | | | |
| **Street Address** | **City** | **Zip Code** | **Work Ph.** | **Home Ph.** |
| | | | | |
| **Last Name** | **First Name** | **Middle Name** | **Age** | **D.O.B.** |
| | | | | |
| **Street Address** | **City** | **Zip Code** | **Work Ph.** | **Home Ph.** |
| | | | | |
| **Last Name** | **First Name** | **Middle Name** | **Age** | **D.O.B.** |
| | | | | |
| **Street Address** | **City** | **Zip Code** | **Work Ph.** | **Home Ph.** |
| | | | | |

☐ **Additional Witness**

***Method***

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

***Type of Injury***

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

***Body Part Injured***

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

| FORCE USED BY | | FORCE USED AGAINST | | Method (Code) | Type of Injury (Code) | Body Part (Code) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Name | E# or S# | Name | E# or S# | | | |
| Harris, Jack | S #1 | Womack, Noel | E #1 | OE | NN | |
| Harris, Jack | S #1 | [redacted] | E #2 | OE | NN | |
| Harris, Jack | S #1 | [redacted] | E #3 | OE | NN | |
| Harris, Jack | S #1 | [redacted] | E #4 | OE | NN | |
| Harris, Jack | S #1 | [redacted] | E #5 | OE | NN | |
| | | | | | | |
| Harris, Jack | S #1 | Womack, Noel | E #1 | OO | NN | |
| Harris, Jack | S #1 | [redacted] | E #2 | OO | NN | |
| Harris, Jack | S #1 | [redacted] | E #3 | OO | NN | |
| Harris, Jack | S #1 | [redacted] | E #4 | OO | NN | |
| Harris, Jack | S #1 | [redacted] | E #5 | OO | NN | |
| | | | | | | |
| Womack, Noel | E #1 | Harris, Jack | S #1 | AW | AB | AR |
| Womack, Noel | E #1 | Harris, Jack | S #1 | AW | AB | AD |
| Womack, Noel | E #1 | Harris, Jack | S #1 | AW | LC | FA |
| Womack, Noel | E #1 | Harris, Jack | S #1 | AW | FR | FA |
| Womack, Noel | E #1 | Harris, Jack | S #1 | CT | NN | |
| | | | | | | |
| [redacted] | E #2 | Harris, Jack | S #1 | TR, CT | NN | |
| | | | | | | |
| [redacted] | E #3 | Harris, Jack | S #1 | CT | NN | |
| [redacted] | E #3 | Harris, Jack | S #1 | RH | NN | |
| | | | | | | |
| [redacted] | E #4 | Harris, Jack | S #1 | HB | NN | |
| [redacted] | E #5 | Harris, Jack | S #1 | CT | NN | |

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
# SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## FORCE EVALUATION SUMMARY

**UNIT:** Central Patrol Division/Compton Sheriff's Station

**DATE / TIME:** November 22, 2012, Thursday, 0540 hours

**LOCATION:** [redacted] North Locust Avenue, Compton, California 90221

**URN #:** 012-14913-2826-056

**IAB #:** FO2324953

On-call Internal Affairs Bureau personnel assumed the handle on a force investigation after learning that Deputy Womack shot Suspect Harris in the face with an Arwen round. This caused a fracture to his right cheekbone. Suspect Harris was a violent mentally ill person who was threatening to kill deputies with a knife and a hammer.

This investigation is based on statements by the involved deputies, witnesses at the scene and the information obtained during the investigation, along with various written documentation.

## SYNOPSIS

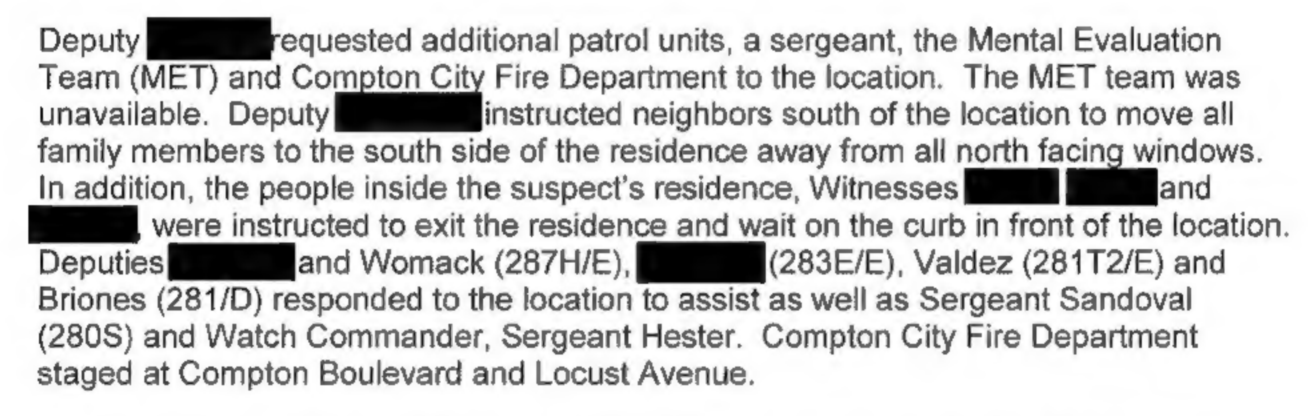
Compton Station Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] responded to the location regarding a call of a mentally ill person who was armed with a knife and threatening to kill the family's dogs.

> **IAB Note:** For further details regarding the call, see the copy of Incident Details Tag #0039, which is included with this case as **Exhibit A**.

When Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] arrived at the location, they contacted the informant, Witness [redacted] who was on the front porch with Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] Witness [redacted] told the deputies the suspect was Schizophrenic, had a knife and was trying to stab the family dogs. The deputies saw the suspect walking on the south side of the residence, behind a five foot tall metal gate, holding a steak knife in his right hand. When the suspect walked to the rear of the yard and out of view, Deputy

[redacted] pushed the gate to see if it was locked and it was not. The suspect then reappeared from the back of the house with the knife in his right hand walking quickly towards the deputies while threatening to kill them and four Pit Bull dogs were alongside of him. The deputies quickly stepped back away from the gate while covering the suspect with their weapons drawn. The suspect stopped at the gate then turned around and began walking back towards the rear of the yard and out of view. The deputies called out to the suspect and he re-approached the gate yelling obscenities and threatening to kill the deputies. Despite their continued efforts to calm the suspect, he continued to yell at them stating that he would not be detained and that they would have to kill him to prevent him from killing one of them.

**IAB Note:** Refer to **Exhibit G** for a front and aerial views of the suspect's residence.



Deputy [redacted] requested additional patrol units, a sergeant, the Mental Evaluation Team (MET) and Compton City Fire Department to the location. The MET team was unavailable. Deputy [redacted] instructed neighbors south of the location to move all family members to the south side of the residence away from all north facing windows. In addition, the people inside the suspect's residence, Witnesses [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted], were instructed to exit the residence and wait on the curb in front of the location. Deputies [redacted] and Womack (287H/E), [redacted] (283E/E), Valdez (281T2/E) and Briones (281/D) responded to the location to assist as well as Sergeant Sandoval (280S) and Watch Commander, Sergeant Hester. Compton City Fire Department staged at Compton Boulevard and Locust Avenue.

**IAB Note:** Deputies Wilson, Garcia Jr., Garcia, Essex, Federico and Smith were not involved in the force incident and did not witness the force although their names appear on the Incident Details for Tag #0039 **(Exhibit A)**.

Sergeants Sandoval and Hester devised a plan to attempt to isolate the suspect by removing the Pit Bulls from the rear yard and they conveyed this plan to the deputies. Sergeant Sandoval directed Deputy [redacted] to use deadly force if absolutely necessary. He also assigned deputies to less lethal options as well; Deputy Womack was armed with an Arwen and Deputy [redacted] a Taser and shield. The deputies positioned themselves outside the residence along the south gate. Deputy [redacted] videotaped the incident from fifteen to twenty feet away from the involved deputies. In addition, Deputies Valdez and Briones positioned themselves inside the residence near the kitchen to cover the back door in case the suspect entered through there.

The suspect picked up a large hammer and paced around the yard with the hammer in one hand and the knife in the other. He was extremely irate and continued to yell that he would not allow deputies to arrest him without killing him. When he walked to the rear of the yard and out of view, Deputy [redacted] opened the gate and removed one of the Pit Bull dogs. The suspect saw the dog exiting the gate and yelled at the deputies

to get away from his dog. He then walked back to the rear of the yard. Deputy [redacted] opened the gate again and attempted to remove a second dog, but the suspect saw him. He became enraged and quickly advanced towards Deputy [redacted] holding a knife in his right hand and a hammer in his left.

Sergeant Hester directed Deputy Womack to shoot the suspect with the Arwen and he fired the Arwen until it was empty, aiming at the suspect's torso. Deputy Womack fired six rubber projectiles that struck the suspect in his right forearm, lower abdomen, right and left rib cage area, left shoulder and right cheek. The rubber projectile that struck the suspect in the right cheek was unintentional and occurred after the suspect bent over. Since the suspect was still standing and holding the knife and hammer, Deputy [redacted] deployed the X26 Taser, striking the suspect in his torso with a five second charge. The suspect fell to the ground onto his stomach, but continued to hold on to the knife and hammer. Deputy [redacted] cycled the Taser a second and third time with a five second cycle each because the suspect was still holding onto the weapons and trying to get up. The suspect ultimately dropped the weapons before deputies approached securing the weapons. Deputy [redacted] put his right knee on the suspect's back and handcuffed him while Deputy Womack held the suspect's arms. Deputy [redacted] held one of the suspect's legs while Deputy [redacted] applied the hobble restraint around his ankles to stop him from kicking.

Compton City Fire Department Paramedics treated the suspect for his injuries at the scene. Emergency Medical Technicians Jones and Clemons, Squad 444, transported the suspect via ambulance to Harbor UCLA Medical Center where he was seen by Doctor Bookatz under patient number [redacted] for a fractured right cheekbone. No deputies were injured.

**IAB Note:** Deputy [redacted] wrote the Incident Report. Sergeants Sandoval and Hester with Deputies [redacted] Womack, [redacted] and Washington wrote Supplemental reports. All aforementioned reports are included with this case as **Exhibit B**.

Internal Affairs Bureau, Lieutenant McBride, was notified about this force incident. On November 26, 2012, Sergeant Victor Allen picked up the reports and audio files from Compton Station. On March 20, 2013, Sergeant Brenda Gibson was reassigned to conduct the administrative review of this incident. The following review is based on written documentation (**Exhibit B**) and all interviews conducted.

## INVOLVED PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:

**Womack, Noel**, Deputy, #[redacted]
Compton Station
Central Patrol Division
Date of Employment: 03-27-2006

Date assigned to unit: 08-17-2012
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incidents:

[redacted] Deputy, #[redacted]
Compton Station
Central Patrol Division
Date of Employment:  [redacted]
Date assigned to unit:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:
Prior Shooting Incidents:

[redacted] Deputy, #[redacted]
Compton Station
Central Patrol Division
Date of Employment:  [redacted]
Date assigned to unit:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:
Prior Shooting Incidents:

[redacted] Deputy, #[redacted]
Compton Station
Central Patrol Division
Date of Employment:  [redacted]
Date assigned to unit:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:
Prior Shooting Incidents:

[redacted] Deputy, #[redacted]
Compton Station
Central Patrol Division
Date of Employment:  [redacted]
Date assigned to unit:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:
Prior Shooting Incidents:

**SWORN WITNESSES**

**Hester, Ronald**, Sergeant, #[redacted]
Compton Station
Central Patrol Division
Date of Employment: 01-01-1994
Date assigned to unit: 08-21-2011
Prior Founded Force Incidents:  [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incidents:

**Sandoval Jr., Jose**, Sergeant, #[redacted]
Compton Station
Central Patrol Division

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|---|---|
| Date of Employment: | 10-14-1999 |
| Date assigned to unit: | 01-16-2011 |
| Prior Founded Force Incidents: | [redacted] |
| Prior Shooting Incidents: | |

**Briones, Raul**, Deputy, #[redacted]
Compton Station
Central Patrol Division

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Employment: | 01-11-2001 |
| Date assigned to unit: | 07-2006 |
| Prior Founded Force Incidents: | [redacted] |
| Prior Shooting Incidents: | |

**Valdez, Ernesto**, Deputy, #[redacted]
Compton Station
Central Patrol Division

| | |
|---|---|
| Date of Employment: | 06-02-1997 |
| Date assigned to unit: | 04-20-2008 |
| Prior Founded Force Incidents: | [redacted] |
| Prior Shooting Incidents: | |

**<u>CIVILIAN WITNESSES:</u>**


[redacted]
MB/[redacted]


[redacted]
MB/[redacted]


[redacted]
FB/[redacted]



[redacted]
FW/[redacted]
[redacted]

## INVOLVED SUSPECT:

**Harris, Jack Leon**

| | |
|---|---|
| Sex: | Male |
| Race: | Black |
| Date of Birth: | April 19, 1962 |
| Booking Number: | 3378081 |
| Charge(s): | Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer, 245(c) P C ; Criminal Threats, 422 P.C.; Cruelty to Animal, 597(a) P.C. |
| Injuries: | Swelling and abrasions to right forearm, lower abdomen, right and left rib cage area and a one inch laceration to his right upper cheek which was determined to be a fracture to his cheekbone. All injuries were caused by the Arwen. |

A check of the Consolidated Criminal History System revealed that Suspect Harris was arrested and booked for the following charges resulting from this incident: Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer, Criminal Threats, and Cruelty to Animals. The District Attorney filed an assault with a deadly weapon, 245(c) P C., charge against Suspect Harris under case number TA125912. In addition, Suspect Harris was referred to the California Department of Mental Health and sent to Patton State Hospital. Suspect Harris did not have any prior arrests. His Consolidated Criminal History System printout is included with this case as **Exhibit C**.

## INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS:

*The following is a summary of the recorded interviews of the involved employee statements to Internal Affairs Bureau investigators. For additional information, refer to the attached verbatim transcripts included with this case under Transcribed Interviews.*

**Deputy** [redacted] was interviewed on May 21, 2013 at 1035 hours by Sergeants Brenda Gibson and Victor Allen. Deputy [redacted] said he was on patrol training at the time of this incident and his training officer was Deputy [redacted] He had been working with Deputy [redacted] for about one month. He was the passenger and Deputy [redacted] was the driver. They received a call of a mentally insane person creating a family disturbance. They were the handling unit and the first on the scene.

When they arrived, they contacted Witness [redacted] the suspect's [redacted] She told them the suspect was a former United States Marine diagnosed by the VA as Schizophrenic. She also said he had a knife and was trying to stab the family dogs.

Witness [redacted] told the deputies the suspect would not listen to her or other family members and that they were in fear of their safety and the safety of the surrounding people and neighbors.

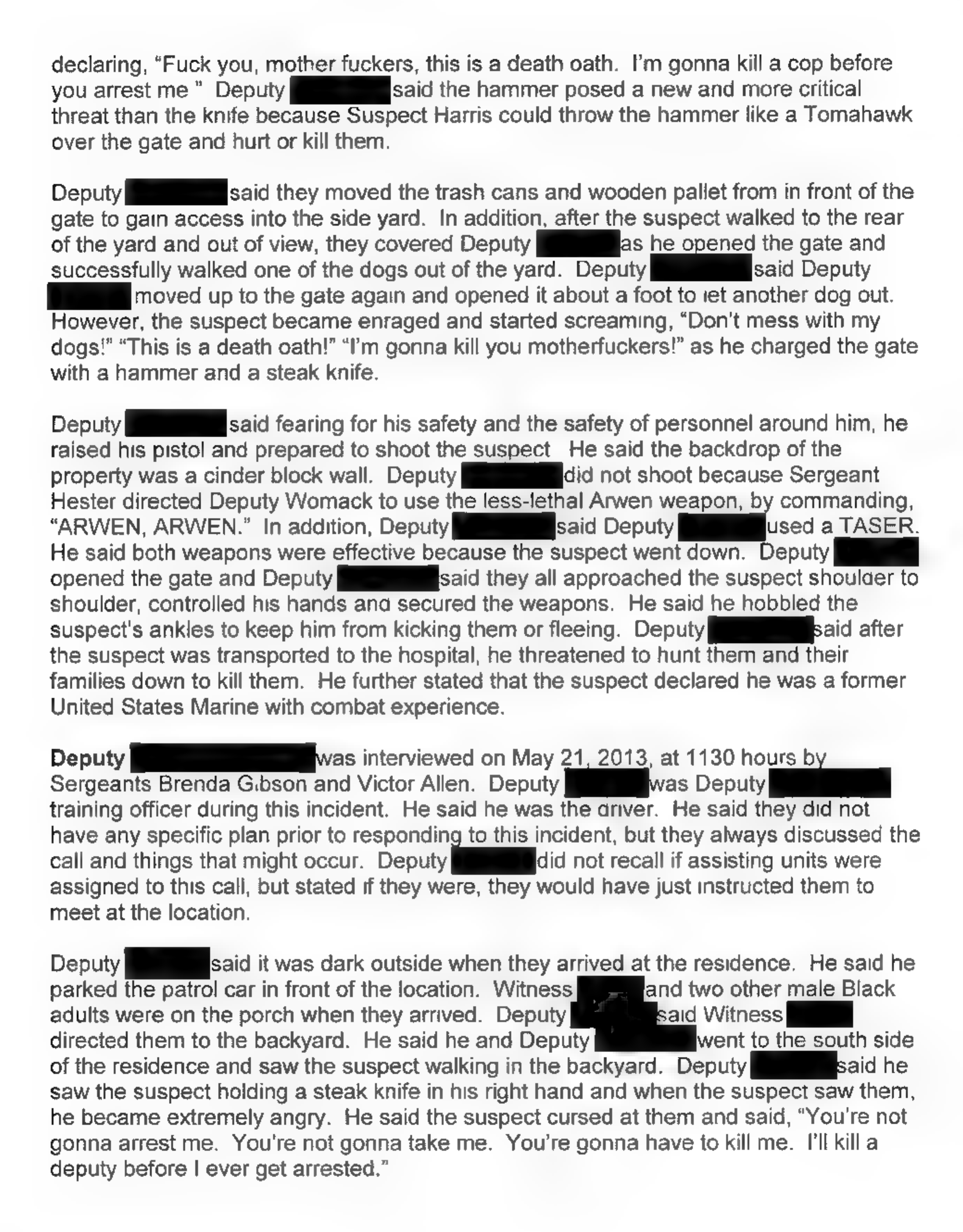
Witness [redacted] told the deputies the suspect was in the backyard. Deputy [redacted] said it was 0530 hours and "pitch black" outside during that time of year. He said they went to the gate to see if it was unlocked in case they had to get back there quickly. The gate was unlocked so he moved a wooden crate out of the way and all of a sudden the suspect charged at them with a six to seven inch steak knife in his hand screaming, "Fuck you, you ain't arresting me, I'll fucking kill you! I'm gonna stab you!" Deputy [redacted] said the suspect also had three or four Pit Bull dogs "charging" with him at them. He said they immediately drew their firearms, backed out of the danger area and closed the gate "in the nick of time." Deputy [redacted] said they backed up eight to twelve feet onto the driveway to positions of cover. He said he almost shot the suspect, but decided that there was probably another option.

> **IAB Note:** Refer to Deputy [redacted] Incident Report, page 5, paragraph 1, for Suspect Harris' exact threat (**Exhibit B**)

Deputy [redacted] said they ordered the suspect to drop the knife, but he did not comply. Deputy [redacted] did not recall how many times they ordered the suspect to drop the knife, but he recalled saying it loudly and clearly. He said the suspect reached over the gate with the knife, but his body did not break the plane of the gate. He explained there were two trash cans and a wooden pallet wedged between a parked car and the gate preventing the suspect from exiting the gate. He said the suspect held the knife as though he was going to stab them with it and not cocked back as though he was going to throw it.

Deputy [redacted] said Deputy [redacted] requested the Mental Evaluation Team (MET), the fire department, supervisors and additional personnel to the location in less than one minute after the suspect charged them with the knife. The MET was unavailable and did not respond. The fire department responded and staged down the street. Deputy [redacted] said when additional personnel arrived, the location was contained and an arrest team formed. He said they had an on scene command post. He was tasked with the deadly force option and other deputies were assigned to less lethal weapons. He also said someone was assigned to video tape the incident.

Deputy [redacted] said the sun started to rise and neighbors heard the commotion of the suspect screaming. Deputy [redacted] directed the neighbors on the south side of the property to evacuate that side of their property in case a shooting occurred Deputy [redacted] said the suspect also armed himself with a hammer sometime after supervisors arrived on scene. He said the suspect had the knife in his right hand and the hammer in his left. He said the incident lasted quite some time while they tried to negotiate with the suspect to drop the weapons. He said they ordered the suspect to drop the weapons at least five times, but the suspect kept coming up to the gate



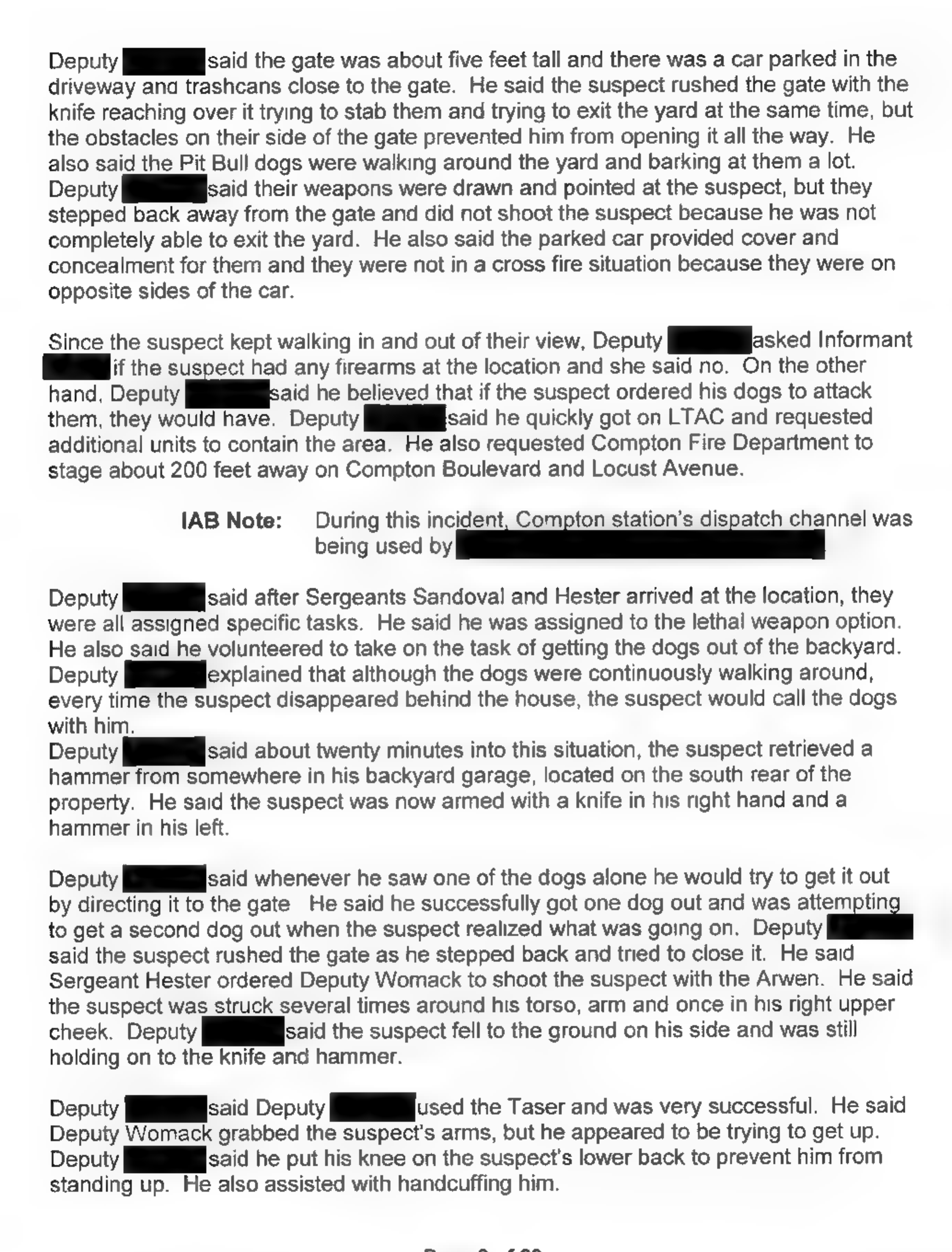
declaring, "Fuck you, mother fuckers, this is a death oath. I'm gonna kill a cop before you arrest me." Deputy [redacted] said the hammer posed a new and more critical threat than the knife because Suspect Harris could throw the hammer like a Tomahawk over the gate and hurt or kill them.

Deputy [redacted] said they moved the trash cans and wooden pallet from in front of the gate to gain access into the side yard. In addition, after the suspect walked to the rear of the yard and out of view, they covered Deputy [redacted] as he opened the gate and successfully walked one of the dogs out of the yard. Deputy [redacted] said Deputy [redacted] moved up to the gate again and opened it about a foot to let another dog out. However, the suspect became enraged and started screaming, "Don't mess with my dogs!" "This is a death oath!" "I'm gonna kill you motherfuckers!" as he charged the gate with a hammer and a steak knife.

Deputy [redacted] said fearing for his safety and the safety of personnel around him, he raised his pistol and prepared to shoot the suspect. He said the backdrop of the property was a cinder block wall. Deputy [redacted] did not shoot because Sergeant Hester directed Deputy Womack to use the less-lethal Arwen weapon, by commanding, "ARWEN, ARWEN." In addition, Deputy [redacted] said Deputy [redacted] used a TASER. He said both weapons were effective because the suspect went down. Deputy [redacted] opened the gate and Deputy [redacted] said they all approached the suspect shoulder to shoulder, controlled his hands and secured the weapons. He said he hobbled the suspect's ankles to keep him from kicking them or fleeing. Deputy [redacted] said after the suspect was transported to the hospital, he threatened to hunt them and their families down to kill them. He further stated that the suspect declared he was a former United States Marine with combat experience.

**Deputy** [redacted] was interviewed on May 21, 2013, at 1130 hours by Sergeants Brenda Gibson and Victor Allen. Deputy [redacted] was Deputy [redacted] training officer during this incident. He said he was the driver. He said they did not have any specific plan prior to responding to this incident, but they always discussed the call and things that might occur. Deputy [redacted] did not recall if assisting units were assigned to this call, but stated if they were, they would have just instructed them to meet at the location.

Deputy [redacted] said it was dark outside when they arrived at the residence. He said he parked the patrol car in front of the location. Witness [redacted] and two other male Black adults were on the porch when they arrived. Deputy [redacted] said Witness [redacted] directed them to the backyard. He said he and Deputy [redacted] went to the south side of the residence and saw the suspect walking in the backyard. Deputy [redacted] said he saw the suspect holding a steak knife in his right hand and when the suspect saw them, he became extremely angry. He said the suspect cursed at them and said, "You're not gonna arrest me. You're not gonna take me. You're gonna have to kill me. I'll kill a deputy before I ever get arrested."



Deputy [redacted] said the gate was about five feet tall and there was a car parked in the driveway and trashcans close to the gate. He said the suspect rushed the gate with the knife reaching over it trying to stab them and trying to exit the yard at the same time, but the obstacles on their side of the gate prevented him from opening it all the way. He also said the Pit Bull dogs were walking around the yard and barking at them a lot. Deputy [redacted] said their weapons were drawn and pointed at the suspect, but they stepped back away from the gate and did not shoot the suspect because he was not completely able to exit the yard. He also said the parked car provided cover and concealment for them and they were not in a cross fire situation because they were on opposite sides of the car.

Since the suspect kept walking in and out of their view, Deputy [redacted] asked Informant [redacted] if the suspect had any firearms at the location and she said no. On the other hand, Deputy [redacted] said he believed that if the suspect ordered his dogs to attack them, they would have. Deputy [redacted] said he quickly got on LTAC and requested additional units to contain the area. He also requested Compton Fire Department to stage about 200 feet away on Compton Boulevard and Locust Avenue.

**IAB Note:** During this incident, Compton station's dispatch channel was being used by [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] said after Sergeants Sandoval and Hester arrived at the location, they were all assigned specific tasks. He said he was assigned to the lethal weapon option. He also said he volunteered to take on the task of getting the dogs out of the backyard. Deputy [redacted] explained that although the dogs were continuously walking around, every time the suspect disappeared behind the house, the suspect would call the dogs with him.
Deputy [redacted] said about twenty minutes into this situation, the suspect retrieved a hammer from somewhere in his backyard garage, located on the south rear of the property. He said the suspect was now armed with a knife in his right hand and a hammer in his left.

Deputy [redacted] said whenever he saw one of the dogs alone he would try to get it out by directing it to the gate He said he successfully got one dog out and was attempting to get a second dog out when the suspect realized what was going on. Deputy [redacted] said the suspect rushed the gate as he stepped back and tried to close it. He said Sergeant Hester ordered Deputy Womack to shoot the suspect with the Arwen. He said the suspect was struck several times around his torso, arm and once in his right upper cheek. Deputy [redacted] said the suspect fell to the ground on his side and was still holding on to the knife and hammer.

Deputy [redacted] said Deputy [redacted] used the Taser and was very successful. He said Deputy Womack grabbed the suspect's arms, but he appeared to be trying to get up. Deputy [redacted] said he put his knee on the suspect's lower back to prevent him from standing up. He also assisted with handcuffing him.

Deputy [redacted] said while in the emergency room at the hospital, the suspect threatened, "Fuck you guys. I'm gonna find out where you guys live. I'm gonna come back and kill you and your families." Deputy [redacted] confirmed that the suspect was a former United States Marine because he saw his military identification in his wallet.

**Deputy Noel Womack** was interviewed on May 29, 2013, at 1031 hours by Sergeants Brenda Gibson and Sonia Bracken Deputy Womack was on patrol training with his training officer Deputy [redacted] He said they had been working together for two months. He was the passenger and Deputy [redacted] the driver. He said they responded to the location because the handling unit requested assistance regarding a mentally insane person. However, he did not recall if they had a plan of how they were going to assist with handling this incident. Deputy Womack said Deputy [redacted] parked the patrol car about one house south of the location. It was morning time, the sun was out and there were assisting units already there when they arrived.

Deputy Womack said he saw the suspect on the side yard wielding a knife in his right hand. He said the suspect didn't seem all there and was threatening, "Fuck you. You guys are gonna have to fuckin' kill me. When you come and kill me, I'm gonna take one of you with me." Deputy Womack said the suspect kept saying the same thing over and over again creating a verbal disturbance. He recalled that Deputy [redacted] gave the suspect verbal commands to put down the knife and the suspect responded, "Fuck you, you don't have the right to tell me what to do, just fuckin' shoot me."

Deputy Womack said Sergeants Sandoval and Hester were at the location when they arrived. He said the suspect's family members were in the doorway of the residence, but were advised to step out of the house and wait on the curb. Deputy Womack said within about five minutes, one of the sergeants assigned everyone a position and responsibility. He said he was assigned to deploy the Arwen. He retrieved the Arwen and took a position in front of the house near a vehicle parked in the driveway. He said his shooting backdrop was the garage and a concrete wall that paralleled the south of the house.

Deputy Womack said the suspect kept pacing back and forth behind his house along the side yard. In addition, he said the suspect had four Pit Bull dogs in his backyard Deputy Womack said at some point the suspect went into his detached garage and returned with a hammer. He said the suspect now wielded a knife in one hand and a hammer in the other while threatening the same words over and over again.

Deputy Womack said when the suspect went to the rear of the residence Deputy [redacted] opened the gate and was able to get two of the dogs out of the yard He said the suspect returned and got within seven to ten feet of him wielding the knife and hammer before he heard "Arwen, Arwen." He said he was scared and just started pulling the trigger until he shot all six rubber bullets in half a second. He said he was aiming the weapon at the suspect's waistline, but the suspect bent over after one of the

rubber bullets hit him in the hip area. This caused one of the rubber bullets to inadvertently strike him in the cheek. Deputy Womack said the suspect went down, but he was still wielding the knife in his right hand.

Deputy Womack said they all approached the suspect and Deputy [redacted] deployed the Taser while he was on the ground. Deputy Womack said he put his left knee on the suspect's back then grabbed the suspect's left arm and pulled it behind his back. He said he believed it was Deputy [redacted] who also grabbed the suspect's left arm at which time Deputy Womack said he grabbed the suspect's right arm and pulled it behind his back. He said the suspect was not holding the knife at that time. He said Deputy [redacted] handcuffed the suspect.

**Deputy** [redacted] was interviewed on May 22, 2013, at 1043 hours by Sergeants Brenda Gibson and Victor Allen. He was working Compton patrol unit 287H with his trainee, Deputy Womack. They had been working together for about a month and a half. Deputy [redacted] said he was the driver and they did not have a plan of how they were going to handle the situation prior to arriving. He said once at the location he parked the patrol car about one house south of the location.

Deputy [redacted] said they contacted Deputy [redacted] who told them the family called because the suspect was threatening to kill the dogs and acting out of the ordinary He said he believed Deputy [redacted] said the suspect was Schizophrenic. Deputy [redacted] said they saw the suspect pacing around with a hammer and knife in his hands threatening them and threatening to kill the dogs.

Deputy [redacted] said they told the suspect to put the knife and hammer down and he responded, "You are gonna have to put me in a grave to take this weapon away from me. I'm not going down without taking one of you with me." He said Deputy [redacted] requested a supervisor to the scene and they formulated a plan to take the suspect into custody.

Deputy [redacted] said Sergeant Jose Sandoval gave him the video camera when he first arrived, but he passed it to Deputy [redacted] Deputy Fleming said he had the shield and a Taser and he stood next to Deputy [redacted] in front of the gate by the middle section He also said the only cover and concealment he had was the shield. Deputy [redacted] said the suspect went to the back of the residence a couple of times and they didn't know what he was doing because he was out of their sight. However, he said he believed a deputy was inside the house.

Deputy [redacted] said as Deputy [redacted] attempted to remove one of the four Pit Bull dogs from the yard, the suspect rushed towards them with a knife in his right hand and a hammer in his left, holding each by its handle. Deputy [redacted] said the suspect was about twenty feet away and he believed he was going to attack Deputy [redacted] He said the first time the suspect was hit with the Arwen, he bent over and was still on his feet holding the knife. Deputy [redacted] said he believed the suspect was going to rush

at them and use the weapons against them so he Tased him. He said he did not give the suspect any commands before deploying the Taser. Deputy [redacted] said the suspect fell down to the ground on his stomach, but he tried getting back up so he Tased the suspect again. He said they all approached the suspect, but he was still holding the knife so he cycled the Taser one more time to prevent him from getting up as they approached. Deputy [redacted] said he put his left knee on the suspect's right shoulder to prevent him from getting up. He said he then retrieved the weapons from the ground and handed them to a deputy.

**IAB Note:** Deputy [redacted] Tased the suspect three times for about five seconds each time with the X26 Taser (refer to Deputy [redacted] Supplemental report, page 2, paragraph 3, lines 5-8) (**Exhibit B**).

The Taser Information Sheet downloaded from the Taser following this incident did not record any activation for Deputy [redacted] (**Miscellaneous Documents**).

**Deputy** [redacted] was interviewed on May 22, 2013 at 1105 hours by Sergeants Brenda Gibson and Victor Allen. He was working Compton patrol unit 283E on the early morning shift during this incident. He had ride-a-long [redacted] with him. He said he was [redacted] when he heard the assistance request or back up over L-TAC regarding a mentally ill man. Deputy [redacted] said believing Deputy [redacted] was the only unit in the city because most of the Compton units were assisting Carson, he responded to assist.

When they arrived, several deputies were already at the location. Deputy [redacted] said he parked the patrol car about two to three car lengths south of the location. He said Deputy [redacted] had the video camera and asked him to take control of videotaping. Deputy [redacted] said he told his ride-a-long to stay with the vehicle. He approached the residence and saw the suspect in the backyard with a hammer in one hand and a "large" knife in the other. He said the suspect was screaming very loudly and making threats. He said the suspect said a lot of things about someone's gonna die today and we're gonna have to kill him. He said the suspect was also surrounded by several unchained Pit Bull dogs.

Deputy [redacted] said the on duty sergeant (Sandoval) formed a plan with the arrest team to lure the dogs out of the backyard. He said Sergeant Sandoval was inside the residence talking to the suspect through the door to the backyard of the house keeping him distracted while Deputy [redacted] tried to lure the dogs out. He said one deputy had the Arwen and Deputy [redacted] had the Taser. Deputy [redacted] said he stood about fifteen to twenty feet away from the gate on the driver's side of the vehicle that was parked in the driveway facing the gate. He said he alternated observing the incident through the flip out screen of the video camera and through his eyes.

Deputy [redacted] said the suspect tried to attack Deputy [redacted] as he was luring one of the dogs out of the yard. He said the suspect closed the distance pretty quickly to about fifteen feet before the sergeant gave the command to deploy the Arwen. He said the first round was ineffective because the suspect kept coming and did not drop the knife or hammer. He said they told the suspect several times to drop the knife and hammer and he would not comply. Deputy [redacted] said he thought Deputy [redacted] deployed the Taser twice and hit the suspect at least once. He said at some point the suspect went down to the ground still holding onto the knife and hammer. They rushed into the side yard to take the suspect into custody. Deputy [redacted] said he was holding the video camera in his left hand when he reached down and grabbed one of the suspect's legs with his right arm because the suspect was kicking. He said this caused him to tilt the video camera upward. Deputy [redacted] said Deputy [redacted] put the hobble restraint onto the suspect's feet to keep him from kicking and other deputies handcuffed him.

**IAB Note:** Refer to the DVD included with this case for a visual account of the suspect's behavior (**Exhibit D**).

Deputy Womack reviewed the above DVD and did not have any changes to his report. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] all declined to review the DVD.

**SWORN WITNESS STATEMENTS:**

*The following is a summary of the recorded interviews of the sworn witness statements to Internal Affairs Bureau investigators. For additional information, refer to the attached verbatim transcripts included with this case under Transcribed Interviews.*

**Sergeant Ronald Hester** was interviewed on May 21, 2013, at 0944 hours by Sergeants Brenda Gibson and Victor Allen. Sergeant Hester was working overtime as the watch commander during this incident. He said deputies were dispatched to the location regarding a man that was threatening family members with a knife and threatening to kill one of the family dogs. He said Field Sergeant Jose Sandoval called him on his cell and briefed him about the incident. Sergeant Hester said he was told the suspect was armed with a knife, acting violently towards the deputies, failing to comply and refusing to cooperate with requests to investigate the possible injuring of one of his dogs. He said Sergeant Sandoval asked him to respond to the scene.

As he was driving to the location, Sergeant Hester said he talked to the on-call lieutenant of Special Enforcement Bureau to compare tactics in handling this type of incident. He said he was told to do the best he could to leave the suspect at his residence. He explained that he was told if they're in their own backyard and they are not harming anybody, leave them there. He also said he had Sergeant Sandoval request a Mental Evaluation Team to respond, but none was available. In addition, he said Sergeant Sandoval requested Aero Bureau, but they were unavailable.

Sergeant Hester said he parked his patrol car four houses south of the location about mid block. He saw patrol cars parked north and south of the location. He also saw a group of civilians gathered on the sidewalk south of the location. He said there were eight to ten people, a mixture of neighbors and family members. Sergeant Hester said Sergeant Sandoval had the location contained prior to his arrival. He said Sergeant Sandoval also had a designated shooter, one deputy with the baton launcher, one with the shield, one with the video camera and a couple of deputies designated for arrest and control. In addition, he said there were two deputies inside the residence guarding the rear door. One was tasked with a less lethal option and the other with the lethal option.

Sergeant Hester heard the suspect making many different types of threats. He said the suspect said it was going to end when he's dead. The suspect said, "When I'm in the morgue, this is when this is gonna end." He said the suspect was challenging the deputies to come into the backyard and if they did, he was going to attack them. Sergeant Hester said Witness [redacted] told him the suspect was angry at her about something. He said she barricaded herself into the bedroom with one of their dogs to get away from the suspect. He broke down the door and took the dog at knife point into the backyard. He said Witness [redacted] was worried the suspect was going to kill the dog.

Sergeant Hester said he and Sergeant Sandoval briefed the deputies and Sergeant Sandoval came up with the plan to remove the dogs from the backyard. He said Sergeant Sandoval went inside the residence to supervise the deputies inside incase the suspect came into the house. He said he stayed outside in the front to supervise the deputies there. Sergeant Hester said Deputy [redacted] was positioned in front of the gate further south of the residence next to the neighbor's gate with his handgun. He was the designated shooter. He said Deputy [redacted] was positioned at the middle of the gate in the driveway. Deputy Womack, with the Arwen, was standing north of Deputy [redacted] next to the porch. Sergeant Hester said he was standing about five to ten feet behind Deputy Womack and the deputy with the video camera, [redacted] was standing east of the gate, inside the driveway about ten feet behind them.

Sergeant Hester said they removed one dog from the backyard successfully When Deputy [redacted] attempted to remove a second dog, the suspect charged him with the knife and hammer in his hands while cursing. He said the deputies ordered the suspect to drop the weapons, but he wouldn't and continued to aggress. He said when the suspect was within ten feet, he was concerned that he might throw the hammer or knife and strike one of the deputies. Sergeant Hester said he ordered the deputy with the Arwen to fire at the suspect. He said he hollered out, "Arwen! Arwen!" several times because he wanted the deputy to continue shooting until the suspect stopped aggressing. He said he thinks the deputy fired six times He said the suspect was struck in the hip area initially then he bent over and was struck in the face. Sergeant Hester also said a deputy deployed the Taser. He said the entire incident took about fifty minutes from the time the deputies arrived at the location until the time the suspect was securely detained. In addition, he said Compton City Fire rendered aid

to the suspect before he was transported to Harbor UCLA Medical Center for treatment. At the hospital, the suspect was nonresponsive and not cooperating with medical personnel. He said the attending physician pulled the suspect's skin back and said he had a fractured cheekbone. Furthermore, Sergeant Hester said the suspect did not complain of pain or injury.

**Sergeant Jose Sandoval** was interviewed on May 22, 2013, at 1008 hours by Sergeants Brenda Gibson and Victor Allen. Sergeant Sandoval was working unit 280S on dayshift during this incident. He said the handling unit contacted him over the radio and requested that he respond to the location. He said he parked one or two residences south of the location. Sergeant Sandoval said Deputy Womack approached and told him the suspect was armed with a knife. He said they retrieved the Arwen and other equipment needed for the incident.

Sergeant Sandoval said he assigned Deputy Womack the Arwen, Deputy Valdez the stun bag shot gun and Deputy [redacted] the ballistic shield and Taser. He said he had the video camera initially and recorded his walk up to the residence. He then handed the video camera to Deputy [redacted] He also said a command post was established. Sergeant Sandoval said about ten minutes prior to that call, [redacted] and numerous Compton units responded to assist. He said they were beyond limited staffing and requested every resource they could including Aero Bureau and the Mental Evaluation Team, but they were unavailable.

Sergeant Sandoval said he saw the suspect armed with a knife threatening deputies and his entire family. He said he also made threats to kill all the dogs in the backyard. Sergeant Sandoval said it was obvious that the suspect was mentally unstable because he kept pacing back and forth threatening to kill the deputies and for them to kill him. Sergeant Sandoval said there was a clear window inside the residence that allowed them to observe the suspect in the backyard while he was pacing back and forth. He said he tried to distract the suspect by talking to him, but he would stay in the backyard for a limited amount of time then respond back to the driveway. Sergeant Sandoval said Deputy Valdez was inside the residence with him

Sergeant Sandoval said he heard Sergeant Hester yelling, "Arwen!" as it was being deployed. He said he exited the front door and saw the suspect already handcuffed on the ground. Sergeant Sandoval also interviewed the suspect's family members.

**Deputy Raul Briones** was interviewed on August 29, 2013, at 1023 hours by Sergeants Victor Allen and Patrick Mannion. He was working unit 281 on day shift. He responded to the location regarding an assistance request by Deputy [redacted] He said he and Deputy Valdez were instructed by Sergeant Sandoval to clear the interior of the residence and take a position inside to guard the back door. He said the back door was locked, but the screened kitchen window was open. He positioned himself near the two windows while Deputy Valdez took a position next to the back door. He said a sergeant

may have been inside the residence with them, but he was unsure.

Deputy Briones said he saw the suspect pacing back and forth in the backyard holding a knife and hammer in his hands at his sides. He also said three or four Pit Bull dogs were pacing with him. He said he lost sight of the suspect when he walked further east which was where the other deputies were. Deputy Briones said at one point the suspect walked close to the window, pointed at his own head and told him to shoot him. He told the suspect to put down the knife and the suspect walked away and out of his view. He said he heard deputies ordering the suspect to put down the knife and talk then he heard the shots from the Arwen and a Code 4. He said he went outside and saw a group of deputies around the handcuffed suspect. Deputy Briones said a debriefing was held after the incident, but he was not instructed to write a report.

**Deputy Ernesto Valdez** was interviewed on September 5, 2013, at 1144 hours by Sergeants Brenda Gibson and Catrina Khasaempanth. Deputy Valdez was working 281T2 on the early morning shift. He said he responded to the location regarding an emergency call that was voiced over the Sheriff's Communications Center about a mentally ill man with a knife. He said they were looking for the closest unit to respond, but he did not remember who had the handle on the call.

Deputy Valdez said he was the second unit to arrive and it was light outside. He said the family came out of the residence to talk to the handling unit. He said he retrieved the stun bag and gave it to another deputy. He originally guarded the north front side of the house because they were concerned the suspect may try to exit there. He said eventually, Sergeant Sandoval instructed him to go inside the residence because Deputy Briones was inside alone. He said there were at least two doors that the suspect could use to re-enter the house. He stood near the sliding glass door that was facing west. He said he held the door because it did not have a lock on it.

Deputy Valdez said he could not see the deputies from inside the house, but he saw the suspect once when the suspect walked to the back of the residence. Deputy Valdez said the suspect did not say anything to him and he did not try to enter the residence. He said he knew the suspect had two weapons in his hands at some point based on what the deputies were saying over the radio. However, he said he saw something in the suspect's hand, but he could not identify what he was holding.

Deputy Valdez said the suspect was unpredictable and confrontational. He said he believed they were not going to be able to talk the suspect down. Deputy Valdez also said he did not witness the force used against the suspect, but he heard the sound of something less lethal being deployed. He said he exited the residence after the incident was Code 4, and saw deputies hovering over the suspect and telling him to stop moving. He also said he saw deputies holding the suspect down and he heard a deputy say the suspect was bleeding. In addition, Deputy Valdez said he did not attend the debriefing and he did not write a supplemental report because he was not asked to write one.

**NON-DEPARTMENTAL WITNESSES:**
[redacted] MB/[redacted] was interviewed on November 22, 2012, by Sergeant Jose Sandoval assigned to Compton Station. The interview was video recorded and a copy of the video is included with this case as **Exhibit D**. The following is a summary of Witness [redacted] interview.

Witness [redacted] is the suspect's [redacted]. Witness [redacted] said prior to the deputies' arrival the suspect was running through the house threatening to kill all the dogs. He grabbed a steak knife and a hammer and went into the backyard where he threatened all the deputies who responded to the location. He said it was going to be to the death and the deputies would have to kill him before removing him from his residence. Witness [redacted] said the deputies were at the location a while trying to get the suspect to surrender. He said the suspect rushed towards an officer with the knife and hammer as the officer was trying to get the dogs out. Witness [redacted] said the suspect went down after he was shot with the Arwen. He said the deputies assessed the area, made sure the suspect was okay and called the paramedics in, but the suspect refused treatment. He said the deputies handcuffed the suspect and "bound up" his legs. He did not see any other force used on the suspect.

[redacted] MB/[redacted], was interviewed on November 22, 2012, at 0731 hours, by Sergeant Jose Sandoval assigned to Compton Station. The interview was video recorded and a copy of the video is included with this case as **Exhibit D**. The following is a summary of Witness [redacted] interview.

Witness [redacted] is the suspect's [redacted] He was at the location prior to the deputies' arrival. He said the suspect had not taken his medication and was acting "silly." He said he was cursing at the officers and had a hammer and knife in his hands when the deputies fired the "rubber bullets" at him. He did not see the suspect advance towards the deputies. Witness [redacted] said the deputies were at the location for about an hour to an hour and a half trying to get the suspect to surrender. He said the suspect was cursing, calling the deputies names and acting very erratic. Witness [redacted] said the suspect fell to the ground after the deputies fired the Arwen rounds at him. He said when he heard a "pop" noise he moved to another location and could not see anything else.

[redacted] FB/[redacted], was interviewed on November 22, 2012, at 0734 hours by Sergeant Jose Sandoval assigned to Compton Station. The interview was video recorded and a copy of the video is included with this case as **Exhibit D**. The following is a summary of Witness [redacted] interview.

Witness [redacted] was the person who called the Sheriff's Department to report the incident. She said the suspect, her [redacted], was cursing and saying weird things prior to the deputies' arrival. She said he became "extreme" and kicked the bedroom door in

and damaged the frame. She said he had a hammer and a steak knife in his hands while the deputies talked to him for about fifteen minutes trying to get him to put down the weapons. She said the suspect was "going off" on the deputies and cursing at them. She said she lost track of time after other deputies arrived and she did not know how long the incident took. She said the suspect was just standing there when she saw smoke and he fell to the ground. She could not see if he still had the weapons on the ground. She said deputies handcuffed him and "strapped" his feet. Witness [redacted] concluded the interview by stating that she originally called for the Mental Evaluation Team to come out and that she did not understand why they failed to show.

**IAB Note:** Sergeant Sandoval asked several unidentified residents standing in front of the residence at [redacted] if they saw anything and they replied no. This contact was video recorded and a copy of the video is included with this case as **Exhibit D**.

[redacted] **FW/**[redacted], was interviewed by telephone on June 27, 2013, at 1555 hours by Sergeant Brenda Gibson assigned to Internal Affairs Bureau. The following is a summary of that interview. For the complete verbatim interview, see attached transcript included in this case under Transcribed Interviews.

Witness [redacted] was on a prearranged ride-a-long with Deputy [redacted] during the early morning shift. Witness [redacted] said they responded to this incident after leaving a previous call. She could not recall if Deputy [redacted] received the call or if he was responding to the call because they were requesting additional assistance. At the location, Witness [redacted] said Deputy [redacted] told her to stand behind a van that was parked on the street near the location. She said the deputies surrounded the front porch and Deputy [redacted] videotaped the incident. Witness [redacted] said the suspect's family was outside in the front of the house. She overheard them saying the suspect was threatening to stab them. From her position behind the van, she did not see the suspect until after he was detained and on a stretcher. On the other hand, Witness [redacted] said she heard the sounds of three rubber bullets being fired and a Taser being deployed. She did not recall hearing any commands given other than, "Get down!"

## SUSPECT STATEMENTS:

**IAB Note:** Suspect Harris was not interviewed the day of the incident, however the incident was videotaped. For a detailed review of the suspect's actions and statements, see the compact disc included with this case as **Exhibit D**.

**Suspect Jack Harris** was interviewed at Patton State Hospital on April 17, 2013, at 1015 hours by Sergeants Brenda Gibson and Victor Allen assigned to Internal Affairs Bureau. The following is a summary of that interview. For the complete verbatim interview, see attached transcript included in this case under Transcribed Interviews.

Suspect Harris said he and his [redacted] had an argument about her wanting to get the dog spayed against his wishes. He said he was playing with the dog and threw him in the pool to cool him off like he always does and his [redacted] took it seriously. After the dog got out of the pool they argued and she called the police. Suspect Harris said she called the police three times.

> **IAB Note:** [redacted] called the station twice. Her first call, documented under Tag #36, was cancelled per her request. Refer to the Incident History Report included with this case as **Exhibit E**.

Suspect Harris said he had the knife and the hammer because he did not want his [redacted] to use them to remove the door from the hinges as she has done in the past. He said he did not threaten her or the deputies with the knife or hammer. Suspect Harris also said he heard the deputies' order him to put down the knife and hammer at least three times, but he refused to do so and told them he had the right to bear arms on his property. He also said he was not going to throw the knife or hammer at the deputies because he did not want to "catch a case." On the other hand, Suspect Harris admitted he said, "It's a death oath, a masonry death oath for you to be on my property illegally and try to kill me." Suspect Harris said his back was to the deputy when he was shot in the face with the Arwen and that his teeth were shot out. In addition, he said he was tased under his heart.

## SUSPECT INJURIES:

Suspect Harris sustained swelling and abrasions to his right forearm, lower abdomen, right and left rib cage area and a one inch laceration to his right upper cheek which was determined to be a zygomatic arch fracture (break in the cheekbone) on the right side.

> **IAB Note:** Suspect Harris refused to sign a waiver to release his medical records for this investigation. The attached documents do not corroborate his claim that his teeth were shot out.

## DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES:
None

## PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:
Photographs of the suspect's injury to his cheek were taken and are documented in this report (**Exhibit F**).

## INVESTIGATORS OBSERVATIONS:
The physical evidence in this case is corroborated by the involved personnel, witnesses and suspect interviews.

## WEAPONS USED BY INVOLVED PERSONNEL:

Deputy Womack used an Arwen and control holds against Suspect Harris.
Deputy [redacted] used a Taser and control holds against Suspect Harris.
Deputy [redacted] used control holds and Handcuffed Suspect Harris.
Deputy [redacted] used the hobble to restrain Suspect Harris' legs.
Deputy [redacted] used control holds on Suspect Harris' legs.

## WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT:

Suspect Harris used a steak knife and a hammer while confronting the deputies (**Exhibit H**)

## PROPERTY DAMAGE:

None

## CHARGES FILED AND DISPOSITONS:

Compton District Attorney Ralph Plummer filed the charge of Assault with a Deadly Weapon against a Peace Officer, 245(c) P.C. against Suspect Harris. He was also referred to the California Department of Mental Health and sent to Patton State Hospital.

## WEATHER AND LIGHTING CONDITIONS:

Light, sunny and clear with a few clouds.